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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AND

SYG LUNS' REMARKS ON GREECE

1. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS JUNE 20 AND 21 REPORTEDLY ROUTINELY SECRETARY'S AND SYG LUNS' REPLIED TO CORRESPONDENTS ON GREEK SITUATION AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT CONCLUSION OF NATO MINISTERIAL OTTAWA. SECRETARY KISSINGER IS QUOTED AS REPLYING AS FOLLOWS (PRESS ARTICLES ARE CONSISTENT IN QUOTING THE SECRETARY WHOSE PRESS CONFERENCE FULL TEXT WAS RELEASED BY USIS JUNE 20): "THE PREFERENCE OF THE LARGE MAJORITY OF ALLIES AND THE BASIC VALUES OF DEMOCRACY AND WELFARE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY PROCLAIMED AND ARE AGAIN REPEATED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ON WHICH WE AGREED TODAY. THE EXPRESSION OF THIS UNANIMITY IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ANY SPECIFIC DECISION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AT A NATO CONFERENCE."

2. LUNS' RESPONSE TO SEPARATE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TWELFTH POINT OF NATO DECLARATION ALSO APPLIED TO GREECE WAS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: "THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER STATED THAT IT WISHES TO MAINTAIN FOREVER
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THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN ITS COUNTRY.

IT HAS STATED AND IT HAS REPEATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,
THAT IT INTENDS TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY. AT ANY RATE
THIS POINT OF THE DELCARATION CAN BE PRACTICED MORE
IN SOME COUNTRIES AND LESS IN OTHERS. HOLLAND
(I AM A DUTCH CITIZEN) IS NOT ENTIRELY ABOSLUTE.
NO ONE IS ABSOLUTE."

3. APOVEVMATINI WHICH REPORTED ABOVE STATEMENTS MORE
PROMINENTLY THAN OTHER PAPERS NOTED THAT ACCORDING
TO ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN OTTAWA THE
GREEK DELEGATION INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH
SECRETARY'S COMMENT AND PARTICULAR SATISFACTION
WITH LUNS REMARKS. TASCA

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